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B O R O U G H O F T E N B Y

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1963

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Tenby,

Mr.Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to present my Annual Report upon matters affecting the Public Health in the Borough during the year 1963.

Housing

During 1963 good progress continued to be made to increase the housing accommodation, as reported by the Public Health Inspector, but in spite of this the demand for Old Folk's Bungalows far exceeds the supply.

Water Supply

During the year the water supply was taken over by the Pembrokeshire Water Board. A number of objections were raised about the Ritec supply being used, particularly about the amount of chlorine necessary, but this supply is only to be a temporary one.

Infectious Diseases

Apart from a number of cases of suspected food-poisoning little anxiety has been caused by infectious diseases during recent years. It is very gratifying to see that there were no new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year and for a second consecutive year no deaths from this disease.

Again I should like to emphasize how important a part the Public Health Inspector plays in the maintenance of the conditions suitable for healthy living.

I should also like to take this opportunity to

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thank the members of the Council and its officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation, and to include in this my thanks to my clerk for all her help.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate)....1963....

.....4,510.....

	Borough of Tenby 1963	Borough of Tenby 1962	County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Live Births	77	75		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	17.07	16.74	19.18	18.2
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births	7.78	4.0	4.08	
Still Births	2	3	34	
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	25.31	38.9	19.45	17.3
Total Live and Still Births	79	78		
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year)	1	2		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	12.98	26.66	21.58	20.9
- legitimate	14.08	27.77		
- illegitimate	nil	nil		
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks)(per 1,000 Live Births)	12.98	26.66	13.41	14.2
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week)(per 1,000 Live Births)	12.98	13.33	11.66	

	Borough of Tenby 1963	Borough of Tenby 1962	County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week and Still Births combined)(per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	37.97	51.28	30.89	

There was one death this year of an infant aged under one year. The cause of death was prematurity and the baby died at the age of two days. The infant mortality rate remains lower than the rate for the County and is also lower thm the rate for the country as a whole.

	Borough of Tenby 1963	Borough of Tenby 1962	County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Maternal Deaths	nil	nil	nil	
Maternal Mortality Rate(per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	nil	nil	nil	0.28
Deaths	63	67		
Death Rate(per 1,000 pop.)	13.96	14.95	12.2	12.2

The general death rate remains slightly higher than the rate for the County and for England and Wales, but is lower than it was last year. Of the nine deaths from malignant disease, only one was due to cancer of the lung. The highest number of deaths in any group occurred from heart disease, which accounted for 22 of the total of 63 deaths. Approximately 66.6% of the total number of deaths occurred in persons aged over 70 years, and 47.6% of these occurred in persons aged over 80 years.

Causes of Death	Male	Female
Total (All causes)	37	26
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus,	1	-
Malignant neoplasm of breast	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	2
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	7	7
Coronary disease, angina	10	3

Causes of Death(cont.)	Male	Female
Other heart disease	4	5
Other circulatory disease	3	3
Pneumonia	1	-
Bronchitis	3	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-
All other accidents	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS

There were again no deaths from tuberculosis this year and neither were any new cases notified.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. Vaccination B.C.G. Vaccination of contacts and school leavers continues to be carried out in the Borough. Clinic sessions are held at the Clinic, Warren Street, for this purpose and the schools are also visited. During the year 1963, 14 contacts and 78 school leavers (i.e. pupils aged thirteen years and over) were vaccinated. Dr.D.Llewelyn Davies, the Chest Physician, also vaccinates contacts at the Chest Clinic.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited Tenby during December this year and carried out a special survey amongst the general population. The results are as follows:-

	Grand Total	Male	Female
Total No. examined	110	70	40
No.found to be abnormal	8 (7.27%)	4	4
No.requiring further observation	-	-	-
Other abnormalities of the chest	8 (7.27%)	4	4

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

6 Measles
16 Suspected Food Poisoning

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

The use of oral vaccine has been found to be very satisfactory, particularly for infants, but the response from the 15-25 age groups is still poor.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Both vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus are carried out at the Clinic and by the general practitioners, who are paid by the County Council for records received each quarter by your Medical Officer. During 1963 the following records were received:-

Primary Vaccination	24	Re-vaccination	nil
Diphtheria Immunisation	86	Re-inforcing injections	36
Whooping Cough Immunisations	87	Tetanus Immunisations	88

AMBULANCE SERVICE

This is the responsibility of the County Council, which has eight ambulances in the County and an arrangement for the provision of cars for "sitting cases". The Tenby Ambulances are operated on a garage arrangement basis by Jeremy's Garages Limited and the British Red Cross Society is most helpful in providing voluntary attendants.

During 1963 Tenby Ambulance No.1 dealt with 3,196 patients, 449 of whom were stretcher cases and 2,747 sitting cases. The total number of miles travelled was 30,303 in 635 journeys, an average of 9.48 miles per patient.

Ambulance No.2 dealt with 487 patients, 136 stretcher cases and 351 sitting cases. It travelled 7,075 miles in 163 journeys, an average of 14.52 miles per patient.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47:- Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

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Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts).	-	104
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	-	nil
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	-	4
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority.	-	4

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

No. of houses made fit after formal notice under:-

(a) Public Health Act	-	nil
(b) Section 9, Housing Act, 1957. (by owner)	-	nil

Housing Act, 1957. Section 18.

No. of undertakings accepted not to use premises for human habitation.	-	nil

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

The numbers of applications received for grant aid towards improvements were as follows:-

		No. of Applications	Approved
Standard Grants	-	3	3
Discretionery Grants	-	8	8

All the applications concerned owner-occupied properties and the number was again disappointingly low. The improvements to Newell Hill and the Maudlins estates were completed during the year.

The reconditioning of the 8 houses in Jones Terrace continued during the period and a further house will be available for occupation early in 1964. It is hoped that the re-housing of some of the existing tenants of Jones Terrace will take place during 1964 and that the work of re-conditioning may be speeded up during the next twelve months.

New Houses

Work was completed during the year on 24 two bedroom flats at Churchill Close and 12 two bedroom flats at Newell Hill.

As a result all but 4 tenants of the 50 prefrabricated bungalows had been re-housed by the end of 1963.

Work commenced on the demolition of the prefabricated bungalows and the erection of 48 two bedroom flats. These should be completed by the autumn of 1964.

Plans are being prepared for an additional 23 one bedroom bungalows for the aged to be erected on the Heywood Court site.

21 houses and bungalows were erected by private enterprise during 1963.

Houses provided under the Housing Acts.

The total number of houses and flats erected under the Housing Acts by the Council is 341.

These may be sub-divided as follows:-

Location	No.	4 Beds.	3 Beds.	2 Beds	1 Bed.	2 Bed.Flats
Newell Hill	56	-	44	-	-	12
Maudlins	36	-	36	-	-	-
The Glebe	92	-	92	-	-	-
Knowling Mead	107	2	68	9	4	24
Augustus Place	22	-	-	-	22	-
Churchill Close	24	-	-	-	-	24
Heywood Court	4*	-	-	4	-	(48) under construction
	341	2	240	13	26	60 + 48 "

* to be demolished

Re-housing

44 families were re-housed by the Corporation during the year, 23 names were added to the register during the period.

At the end of 1963 the number of applicants on the Council's Housing List was 63. A further 60 require Old People's Bungalows.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

No major changes took place in the cleansing service during the year. The ever increasing amount of refuse to be collected and the expansion of the town placed heavy demands on the refuse collection service.

Tenders were invited, at the end of the year, for the supply of a new 12 cubic yard refuse collection vehicle, to be delivered in the spring of 1964. This vehicle is necessary to replace the Bedford, which has been in constant use for over 9 years.

RODENT CONTROL

One part-time operator is employed on this work, under my general direction. All complaints were speedily dealt with. The sewers received two treatments and the refuse disposal site six.

The following table shows the number of treatments carried out during the period under review:-

No. of treatments	-	(a)	Dwelling houses	141
		(b)	Business premises	8
		(c)	L.A.Propoerties	15
				164

CAMPING SITES

The following caravan sites are operating in the Borough:-

1) Kiln Park - 650 caravans

2)	Saltern	-	46 caravans
3)	Zion Gardens	-	28 "
4)	Meadow Farm	-	10 "
5)	Windmills	-	10 "

39 visits were made to caravan sites during the season.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

Milk Supply	No. of retailers	-	12
Milk Samples	No. of samples	-	52
	Satisfactory	-	51
	Unsatisfactory	-	1

All samples were taken for "keeping quality" and efficiency of pasteurisation. Milk licences are now issued by the County Council.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955. Section 16.

No. of premises registered to sell ice-cream	-	35
No. of premises registered to manufacture ice-cream	-	3

RETAIL FOOD PREMISES

67 inspections were made during the year of hotel and restaurant kitchens. Generally a fairly high standard is maintained, although there were several instances when it was found necessary to issue warnings where conditions were unsatisfactory.

The main weakness in endeavouring to maintain a high standard of hygiene in catering establishments lies in the unavoidable use of temporary staff; staff drawn not only from all over the country but from many different countries. This presents managements with a hard task, as hygiene is only as good as the standard set by the least hygiene conscious member of the kitchen staff.

FOOD CONDEMNATION

Class of Food	Weight			
	Cwts.	Qrts.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Fresh Fish	-	4	4	8
Fresh Meat	-	3	4	0
Tinned Meat	-	3	27	4
Tinned Fish	-	-	1	8
Tinned Vegetables	-	1	4	8
Tinned Fruit	1	3	9	4
Miscellaneous Foods	-	-	12	8
	5	0	7	8

FOOD SAMPLING

The following is a list of samples taken in the Borough during the year by the County Weights and Measures Department.

32 samples of milk (quality purposes)
2 samples of ice-cream and jam
1 sample of marzipan, fish paste, apple sauce, aspirin tablets, Beecham's powders, fruit pie, butter, margarine, tea, sugar, custard, rice, tapioca, semolina.

TOILET FACILITIES

Work commenced during the year on the construction of public conveniences in the Municipal Car Park. The building also comprises a bus shelter and an office for the Car Park staff. The firm employed on the construction fell into financial difficulties towards the end of 1963 and it was resolved to complete the contract by direct labour.

Plans are being prepared for the provision of toilet facilities on the South Beach and it is anticipated that these will be available by the summer of 1964.

On the completion of this contract, the Borough will be reasonably well provided with public toilet facilities of a high standard.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1961.

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	12	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	35	39	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	2	12	-	-
TOTAL	44	63	-	-

H.P.LAWRENCE,

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND

HOUSING OFFICER.